[2nd November 1931

Sanitary arrangements in Courtallam.

* 505 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and what facilities have been provided in Courtallam (Tinnevelly district) for the sanitary convenience and cleanliness for the large floating population that go over there seasonally and for religious festivals;

(*b*) whether any scheme of town-planning has been adopted for the residential area to prevent overcrowding; and

(*c*) whether suitable areas and gardens have been reserved and declared so for the use of the public?

A.—(*a*) A special committee consisting of the President, District Board, Tinnevelly, President, Taluk Board, Tinnevelly, and the President, Panchayat Board, Tenkasi, the District Health Officer, Tinnevelly, and the Trustees of the Courtallam temple has resolved to carry out the following improvements :—

(i) Construction of new latrines and urinals near the Falls, Temple, Local Fund choultries and other important places;

(ii) appointment of additional scavengers; and

(iii) introduction of private scavenging system throughout the area.

(*b*) The provisions of the Madras Town-Planning Act, 1920, were extended to Courtallam in 1926 and the Tenkasi Panchayat Board has been requested to take action for the preparation of a Town-Planning Scheme in respect of the area in Courtallam and submit the scheme to the Government for sanction. The Board proposes to take action shortly.

(*c*) No suitable area or gardens have been reserved for the use of the public.

Repairs to the cart-track running along battai poramboke in Keelanoor village.

* 506 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Perathur cheri have been praying for the last ten years to repair and put into cartable condition for their egress and ingress, the cart-track running along battai porambokes of Keelanoor village, No. 116, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, connecting the cheris of Perathur and Vishnuvakkam villages with the Red Hills-Tiruvallur road, at the southern end of the causeway constructed across Kattangal in R.S. No. 462 of Keelanoor village;